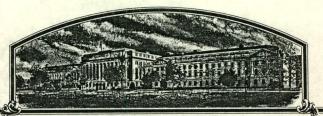
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Howard Dill Anterprises, Atd.

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Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, or importing it, or exporting it, or using it in producing a hybrid or different riety therefrom, to the extent provided by the Plant Variety Protection Act at 1542, as amended, 7 u.s.c. 2321 et seq.)

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'Dill's Atlantic Giant'

In Testimony Watercot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D. C. this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six.

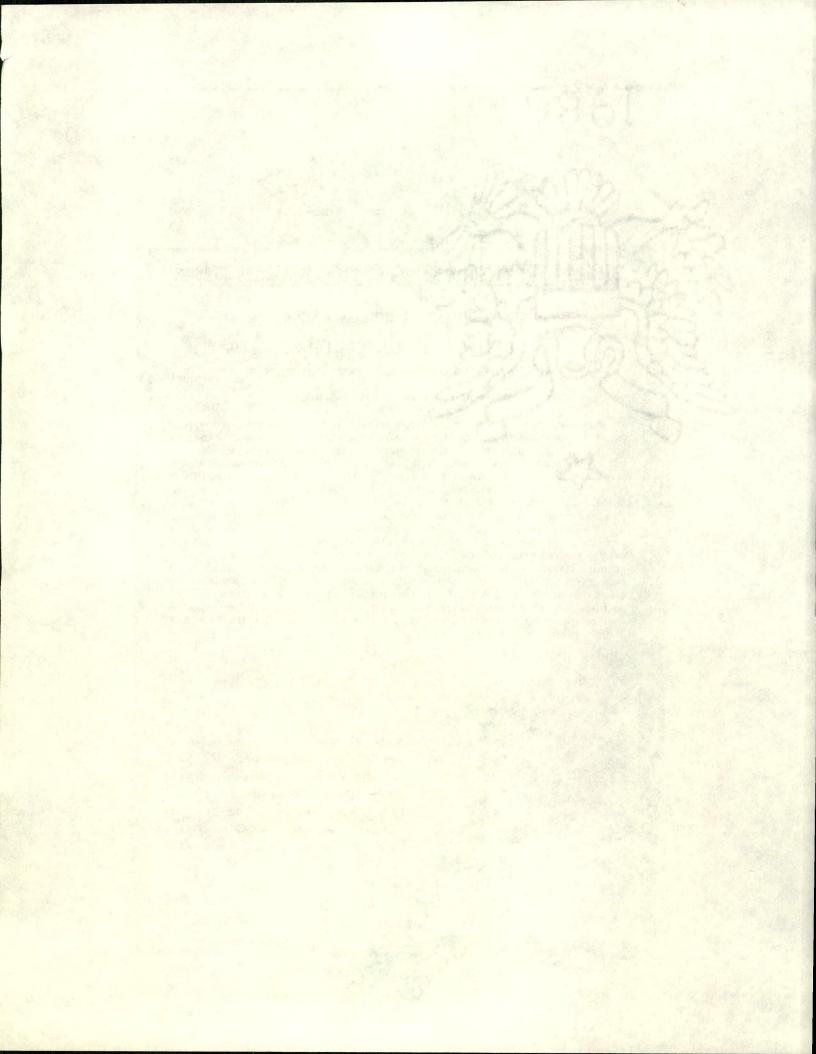
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APPROVAL EXPIRES 4-30-85 FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE WAREHOUSE & SEED DIVISION Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE held confidential until certificate is issued (Instructions on reverse) (7 U.S.C. 2426) 1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) 2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION 3. VARIETY NAME Dill's Atlantic Dill's Atlantic Howard Dill Enterprises, Ltd. Giant Giant FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY 4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 5. PHONE (Include area code) PVPO NUMBER 14050 Gowanda State Road (716)532 - 59958500204 14034 Collins, New York 6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME 7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) FILING September 9, 1985 Cucurbita maxima Cucurbitaceae TIME 10:00 X A.M. P.M. AMOUNT FOR FILING 8. KIND NAME 9. DATE OF DETERMINATION \$1,800.00 RECEIVED Sept. 1, 1977 DATE Pumpkin 9/9/85 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE 10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation 11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION 12. DATE OF INCORPORATION New York May 2, 1984 13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Mr. Raymond Waterman, Sec. MR. STAN ROLLIN c/o Howard Dill Enterprises, Ltd. 6802 OREM 14050 Gowanda State Road LAUREL 1 PHONE (Include area code): Collins, New York 14034 14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED Exhibit C, Objective Description of the Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. X Exhibit B, Novelty Statement d. X Exhibit D, Additional Description of the Variety EXHIBIT E. OWNERSHIP STATEMENT 15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? 16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? Certified Registered Foundation 18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? Yes (If "Yes," give date) No X 19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) 12/15/84 10/15/84 Australia U.S. 12/01/84 New Zealand 12/15/84 Canada 12/24/84 England 20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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INSTRUCTIONS

General: Send an original copy of the application and exhibits, at least 2,500 viable seeds, and \$1,800 fee (\$200 filing fee and \$1,600 examination fee) to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Warehouse and Seed Division, Plant Variety Protection Office, National Agricultural Library Building, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. (See section 180.175 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unless noted below.

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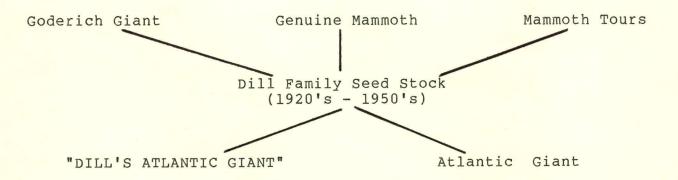
- Give the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety based on (1) the definition in section 41(a) of the Act and (2) the date a decision was made to increase the seed.
- Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method; (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication; (3) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified and (4) evidence of uniformity and stability.
- Give a summary statement of the variety's novelty. Clearly state how this novel variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety most closely resembles one or a group of related varieties: (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively; (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs of seed and plant comparisons clearly indicating novelty.
- 14c Fill in the Exhibit C, Objective Description form, for all characteristics for which you have adequate data.
- Describe any additional characteristics that are not described, or whose description cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the description of characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed) the applicant may NOT reverse his affirmative decision after the variety has either been sold and so labeled, his decision published, or the certificate has been issued. However, if the applicant specified "No," he may change his choice. (See section 180.16 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)
- See section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act and section 180.7 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.

#14 a. EXHIBIT A - HISTORY

"Dill's Atlantic Giant" was derived from crosses of giant pumpkin varieties dating back to the 1880's. The Goderich Giant*, Genuine Mammoth** or True Potiron (also called King of the Mammoths) and Mammoth Tours (a French variety introduced by Burpee sometime around the 1880's); were grown by amateur pumpkin fancier William Dill of Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada from the 1920's to 50's. These original varieties crossed under garden conditions and seed was saved each year for the next years planting. During the 1950's and 60's, Mr. Dill's son, Howard developed interest in large pumpkins and began a self-managed selection process using the family seed stock. Hand pollination and selection techniques were practiced and recorded until 1973 when it was apparent to Dill that two strains were isolated; one producing mature fruit which was tall and wide and the other long and not as tall. At this time Mr. Dill concentrated on the more upright of the two strains while keeping both in experimentation.

In 1977, Dill determined that the varieties were stable and he began marketing the tall strain as the Atlantic Giant***; now a public variety.

Continued experimentation with the longer fruited strain was carried on until 1984 when it was marketed as the "Dill's Atlantic Giant". Mr. Dill's seed production plots in Nova Scotia and those of P & P Seed Co. of Collins, New York have resulted in uniform plants and fruit type (variants < 2%), for "Dill's Atlantic Giant".



NOTE:

- * Mr. William Warnock of Goderich, Ontario, Canada exhibited giant pumpkins weighing: 365 lb. at Chicago World's Fair in 1893, 365+ lb. at Paris World's Fair in 1900 and a 403 lb. specimen at the 1903 St. Louis World's Fair. His seed was purchased and offered for sale by the Rennie Seed Co. of Ontario (since defunct) around the turn of the century as Goderich Giant.
- ** Genuine Mammoth was listed by Burpee in the 1880's as: large in size, three feet or more in diameter and 1-200 lb.
- *** Atlantic Giant has been sold by US, Canadian and English seed companies as early as 1978. Since 1979 the world's heaviest pumpkins have been grown from this variety, (1984 612 lb.).

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#14 b. EXHIBIT B - NOVELTY

"DILL'S ATLANTIC GIANT"

"Dill's Atlantic Giant" variety of pumpkin compared to its most similar variety indicates by the photos enclosed that "Dill's Atlantic Giant" is oblong in shape; whereas, "Atlantic Giant" is globular in shape.



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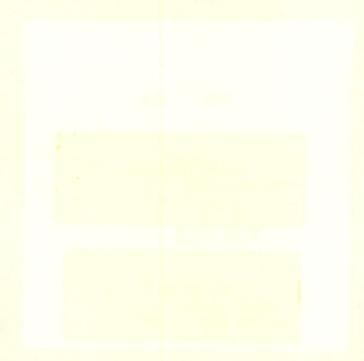
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EXHIBIT C (Pumpkin/ Squash/Gourd)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY PUMPKIN/SQUASH/GOURD (CUCURBITA SPP.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY				
HOWARD Dill Enterprises, Ltd. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)	Dill's Atlantic Giant				
14050 Gowanda State Road	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY				
Collins, New York 14034	PVPO NUMBER				
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Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the Place a zero in first box (e.g. $\boxed{0}$ $\boxed{8}$ $\boxed{9}$ or $\boxed{0}$ $\boxed{9}$) when number is either 99 or less on					
1. SPECIES:					
2 1 = LAGENARIA 2 = MAXIMA 3 = MIXTA 4 = MOSCHATA 5 = PEPO 6 = OTHER (Specify)					
2. KIND (According to use): 3. TYPE:					
1 = PUMPKIN 2 = SQUASH 3 = GOURD 2 1 = SUMMER (Ve	egetable Marrow) 2 = WINTER (Boston Marrow)				
4. COTYLEDON:					
9 0 MM. LONG 4 5 MM. WIDE					
2 Apex: 1 = TAPERED 2 = ROUNDED 3 = NOTCHED 2 Veining: 1 = OBSCURE 2 = PLAINLY VISIBLE 3 = PROMINENT					
1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY-GREEN 3 = MEDIUM GREEN 4 = DARK GREEN					
5. PLANT:					
1 = BUSH 2 = SEMI-BUSH 3 = LONG VINES 2 1 = PILOSE	2 = PRICKLY 3 = GLABROUS				
6. MAIN STEM:					
1 = ROUND 2 = ANGLED 7 2 MM, DIAMETER AT MID- POINT OF FIRST INTERNODE 8 2 5 CM. AVERAGE LENGTH					
3 8 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERNODES					
7. LEAVES:	OT LODED 2 - CHALLOW LODED				
2 Shanai	DT LOBED 2 = SHALLOW LOBED EEP LOBED				
1 Margin: 1 = ENTIRE 2 = DENTICULATE 3 = DENTATE 1 Margin: 1 = F	FLAT 2 = FRILLED				
5 4 CM. WIDE 5 4 CM. LONG	2 Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = BLISTERED				
2 Dorsal Surface:					
2 Ventral Surface: 1 = GLABROUS 2 = SOFT HAIRY 3 = BRISTLED					
1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY-GREEN 1 = NOT BLO	TCHED 2 = BLOTCHED WITH GRAY				
7 6 CM. PETIOLE LENGTH	The state of the s				
8a. FLOWER - Pistillate:					
1 6 CM. DIAMETER 2 Ovary: 1 = DRUM-LIKE 3 = FUSIFORM 10 Pedicel: CM. LENGTH					
Margin: 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = CURVED 2 Margin: 1 = PLAIN 2 = FRILLED 2 Sepals: MM	1. WIDTH 3 4 Sepals: MM. LENGTH				
Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = LEMON YELLOW 3 = MID-YELLOW 4 = DEE	EP YELLOW 5 = ORANGE				

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8b. FLOWER - Staminate:	
1 6 Sepals: MM LENGTH 3 2 Sepals: MM WIDTH 4 4 Pedicel: CM	LENGTH
Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = LEMON YELLOW 3 = MID-YELLOW 4 = DEEP YELLOW 5 = ORANGE	
9. FRUIT (Market Maturity)	
8 1 CM LENGTH 5 6 CM WIDTH (Stem end) 6 6 CM WIDTH (Blossom end) 79 3 8 C	GM AVERAGI WEIGHT
10 Shape according to variety type: 1 = ACORN 2 = BANANA 3 = BUTTERCUP 4 = BUTTERNUT 5 = CONNECTICUT FIELD 6 = CROOKNECK 7 = HUBBARD 8 = SC "SEE PHOTOS"	ALLOP
9 = STRAIGHTNECK 10 = OTHER (Specify) "SEE PHOTOS" 2 Apex: 1 = DEPRESSED 2 = FLATTENED	10
3 Base:) 3 = ROUNDED 4 = TAPER POINTED	
Ribs: 1 = NONE 2 = INCONSPICUOUS 3 = PROMINANT	
Rib 1 = NARROW 2 = MEDIUM DEEP 3 Rib 1 = NARROW 2 = MEDIUM WIDE 3 Surface:	1 = SMOOTH 2 = FINE WRINK 3 = SHALLOWLY WAVY
Warts: 1 = NONE 2 = FEW 3 = MANY 2 Blossom Scar Button: 1 = DEPRESSED 2 = SLIGHTLY EXT 3 = RAISED ACOR	rended
10. RIND	
8 MM THICKNESS AT MEDIAL 1 = SOFT 2 = HARD 3 = WOOD	Y & TOUGH
1 COLOR PATTERN: 1 = REGULAR 2 = IRREGULAR	
COLORS: (Select two when necessary, i.e. Grayish-Buff) 1 2 0 4	
01 = WHITE	08 = ORANGE
0 8 SELF OR GROUND	
PATTERN: LOCATION OF PATTERN COLORS:	
STREAKS 1 = NOT SPECIFIC	
STRIPES 2 = STEM END HALF	
SPOTS 3 = BLOSSOM END HALF	
BLOTCHES 4 = ACORN OR TORBAN	
LACE X 5 = OTHER (Specify) N/A	-
0 8 OTHER (Specify) uniform	
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11. FLESH	
9 4 Thickness: MM BLOSSOM END 9 0 Thickness: MM MEDIAL 12 7 Thickness: MM S	STEM

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2 Texture: 1 = FINE 2 = 4 = STRINGY	GRANULAR	3 = LUMPY	1 Texture: 1 = SOFT 2 =	FIRM 3 = BRITTLE	
2 Texture: 1 = DRY 2 =	MOIST 3 = JU	ICY	Flavor: 1 = INSIPID 2 =	SLIGHTLY SWEET 3 = SWEET	
2 Quality: 1 = INEDIBLE	2 = GOOD	3 = EXCELLENT	O 3 Color: (Choo	ose from rind colors above)	
12. SEED CAVITY: (Sectioned an	pex to base)				
6 1 CM LENGTH			4 8 CM WIDTH		
1 = CONFORMS T Location: 2 = NEAR APEX 3 = APEX ONLY	O FRUIT SHAPE	1 Placental Tiss	1 = SPARSE ue: 2 = MODERATELY ABUNDANT 3 = ABUNDANT	Center Core: 1 = INCONSPICUOUS 2 = PROMINANT	
13. FRUIT STALKS					
1 2 CM LENGTH			0 8 CM DIAMETER		
1 1 = ROUND 2 = IRREG		= NOT TWISTED = TWISTED	1 = NOT TAPERED 2 = TAPERED	1 = STRAIGHT 2 = SLIGHTLY CURVED 3 = CURVED	
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2 Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2	= ROUGH 3	= SPINY	3 Attachment End: 2 = SLIGHT 3 = EXPAN	LY EXPANDED	
1 Detaches: 1 = EASILY	2 = WITH DIFFIC	ULTY	2 Color: 1 = LIGHT GREEN 3 = DARK GREEN	2 = MEDIUM GREEN	
14. SEEDS					
2 8 MM LENGTH		1 4 MM WI	нто	6 MM THICKNESS	
1 = SMOOTH 2 = WRINKLED 3 = SLIGHTLY PITTED 4 = SCALY 5 = CREASED 1 = SMOOTH 2 = WRINKLED 3 = SLIGHTLY PITTED 4 = SCALY 5 = CREASED					
1 Luster: 1 = DULL 2 = GLOSSY 2 Margin: 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = CURVED 3 = TWISTED					
1 Margin: 1 = ROUNDED 2 = WEDGE-LIKE					
2 Separation from pulp: 1 = EASY 2 = MODERATELY EASY 5 7 GMS PER 100 SEEDS					
5 0 0 NO. SEEDS PER FRUIT 1 = NORMAL 2 = NAKED					
15. DISEASE RESISTANCE: (O = Not Tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)					
1 POWDERY MILDEW		0 CUCUMBER	MOSAIC	O SQUASH MOSAIC	
O WATERMELON MOSAIC OTHER (Specify)					
16. INSECT RESISTANCE: (O = Not Tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant					
0 SQUASH BUG		1 SQUASH BO	RER	OTHER (Speicfy)	
17. INDICATE A VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLING THAT SUBMITTED FOR EACH CHARACTER					
CHARACTER	Atlantic		CHARACTER	Atlantic Giant	
PLANT HABIT LEAF TYPE	Atlantic		FRUIT SHAPE	Atlantic Giant	
FLOWER TYPE	Atlantic		FRUIT COLOR CULINARY TYPE	Atlantic Giant	
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#14 d. EXHIBIT D - "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

"DILL'S ATLANTIC GIANT"

"Dill's Atlantic Giant" is an enormously large pumpkin, Cucurbita maxima.

"Dill's Atlantic Giant" is often seeded in a controlled environment to gain advantage on weather conditions for competitive reasons. Large seeds germinate rapidly to produce large seedlings.

Growth of "Dill's Atlantic Giant" is extremely rapid under warm, moist conditions. Vines will run as much as 50 feet or more when grown spaciously.

Staminate flowering appears approx. 10 days prior to female flowers.

The immature ovary of the female flowers are yellow and grow rapidly following pollination. The oblong shape of the immature fruit of "Dill's Atlantic Giant" is first noticeable at it's earliest stage of development.

The general shape of the mature fruit will vary depending on culture and rate of growth. Flattening will often occur because the structure of the rapidly growing fruit is not sufficient to support the weight. This has been known to occur in Atlantic Giant but the "Dill's Atlantic Giant" seems to be more subject to top flattening because of the greater length of the specimen.

The mature fruit is golden orange in color. The incidence of cracked fruit is much less evident when compared to Atlantic Giant.



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EXHIBIT E -BASIS OF APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

The applicant is the President of the firm known as Howard Dill Enterprises, Ltd. and he is also the breeder.

